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ABANDONED/UNCONTROLLED HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE INVESTIGATIONS PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT REPORT

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Dugan & Helterbrand Company, Inc. 190 George Street Marshfield, Missouri 65706

I. INVESTIGATOR:

Charles L. Kroeger

Environmental Specialist Waste Management Unit

Springfield Regional Office (SRO)

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

II. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED:

July 15, 1985

DATE INVESTIGATION COMPLETED:

September 19, 1985

III. BACKGROUND OF THE INVESTIGATION:

The Dugan and Helterbrand Company treats processed and raw photographic film and lithographic material for recovery of silver. The spent film chips had been going to the landfill without official DNR approval. Then in 1983 the company submitted application for and received special waste disposal approval to take the chips to the landfill.

In February 1985, sampling was performed at the Webster County Landfill in response to complaints by area residents. Samples were collected from streams of leachate and from a pile of chips recently taken there from Dugan & Helterbrand. The lab report indicated cyanide as high as 1.07 ppm in the leachate and 2,136 ppm in the chips.

Dugan & Helterbrand was immediately contacted and advised that they could no longer take chips to the landfill if the cyanide exceeded 250 ppm. A change in the hyperchlorite rinse of the plant reduced the cyanide to within the allowable range.

Dugan & Helterbrand is now in the process at converting to an enzyme process which would reduce the use of cyanide by 90%.

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IV. IDENTITY OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED FOR THE REPORT:

Mr. Joe Helterbrand Dugan & Helterbrand Co., Inc. 190 George Street Marshfield, MO 65706

President

Association

(417) 468-3900

Mr. Bill Ralston MO Department of Natural Resources 117 E. Dunklin Jefferson City, MO 65102 Environmental Investigator

(314) 751-3241

V. BRIEF SUMMARY OF INFORMATION OBTAINED:

The company processed and disposed of an estimated 7,200 tons of film chips from 1979 to 1985. These film chips were treated with hyperchlorite solution prior to being taken to the Webster County Landfill; however the effectiveness of cyanide removal by the hyperchlorite apparently varied greatly resulting in some waste having total cyanide values of over 2,100 ppm. DNR has placed a limit of 250 ppm on waste to be disposed of in a sanitary landfill.

Sampling of private wells in the landfill area has not disclosed any adverse affects on the groundwater that can be attributed to the landfill or the Dugan & Helterbrand Company.

A spill at the plant in 1983 resulted in the death of several head of cattle owned by Mr. Helterbrand. The cattle reportedly are buried on site. An underground tank on the plant property was used to store spent cyanide solution. It is now empty and no longer used.

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VI. DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE INVESTIGATION:

During the investigation DNR officials spoke with Mr. Helterbrand concerning his operation and regarding the spill which occurred in 1983. Environmental Investigator Bill Ralston spoke with unidentified persons who were associated with the company or had knowledge of past events at the company. The facts obtained were presented to Mr. Helterbrand for his clarification.

Mr. Helterbrand related the process used to recover the silver from the film and explained that he had obtained the services of a consultant on destruction of the cyanide in the processed chips. DNR files confirmed this and contain a copy of the treatment process. Mr. Helterbrand indicated that he tested the processed chips with a colorimetric test to make certain the cyanide levels were low. The test apparently proved ineffective.

Mr. Helterbrand indicated that one of the process tanks leaked 50-100 gallons of process water that had the silver recovered from it but had not yet been treated to remove the cyanide. This water ran out of the building and pooled along the fence where cattle had access to it. Several head of cattle drank the water and died as a result of it. The cattle were buried on site, the pooled water was sucked up and returned to the tankand the spill area was treated with a sodium hypochlorite solution. The spill occurred from the west end of the east processing building. Dikes have since been constructed to prevent spillage from escaping out of the buildings.

Under directive by the DNR, Dugan & Helterbrand and the Department of Natural Resources tested each batch of processed chips prior to disposal at the landfill. Samples we collected and split primarily by DNR personnel and the chips were stored on site until both sets of results were reviewed and approval for disposal given. A summary of the test results is attached.

The plant is located at 190 George Street in Marshfield, Missouri. Latitude is 370 19' 58", Longitude 092° 55' 20". The legal description is SE½, SE½, NW½, Section 9, T30, R18. From the I-44 interchange at Marshfield travel south on Highway 38 for 0.7 mile to Washington Street (Old Highway 66). Travel 0.2 mile to George Street and travel south for 0.2 mile. The plant sets along the north side railroad tracks to the east of George Street.

The current property owner is Dugan and Helterbrand Co, Incorporated and the current operator is Mr. Joe Helterbrand, 116 George Street, Marshfield, Missouri 65706. Mr. Helterbrand also operated the business at the time of the burial of the cattle, spill at the tank and disposal in the Webster County Landfill.

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> The business consists of a series of metal buildings with concrete slab between the buildings. There is also a smelter on site for the silver.

The plant is set at the edge of an industrial area with residential and pastureland on two other sides. There is a shopping center within 1/4 mile of the site but little development other than industry in the drainage area below the plant.

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The processed chips are temporarily stored on site in dumpsters on concrete pads until they can be hauled to the landfill. The tank in which spent cyanide solution was stored is now empty and no other disposal takes place on site. The cattle which died in 1983 are buried on the adjacent property.

The amount of processed material containing cyanide that is stored on site varies greatly. At times there may be as much as five dumpsters of chips on site but generally there will be none. The amount of cyanide contaminated soil and buried material is estimated to be 2 - 3 cubic yards.

According to the Division of Health's Health Assessment cyanides have been found to cause weakness, headaches, confusion, nausea, vomiting, eye and skin irritation and slow gasping respiration. Cyanide gas in sufficient concentrations can be lethal.

There are no known environmentally sensitive areas or water supplies in the immediate area. Any surafce water flow from the site would flow south toward Lacey Creek however the plant site is relatively flat and there was apparently no runoff from any spills.

There are presently no known serious health problems attributed to the site. There were however, six head of cattle that died as a result of cyanide solution spill.

VII. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

It appears that with the change of processes and better control on the cyanide reduction process there should be no future hazardous wastes generated at the facility.

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The two areas at which cyanide spills have occurred have reportedly been treated with sodium hypochlorite solutions to reduce the cyanide. It may be advisable however to sample the soils at the two spill areas and to sample the underground storage tank that is no longer in use.

SUBMITTED BY:

Charles L. Kroeger

Environmental Specialist

Sept 23 1985

VIII. ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. EPA Form 2070-12
- 2. Topographical map
- 3. County map
- 4. Plant layout
- 5. Results on Analysis of chips

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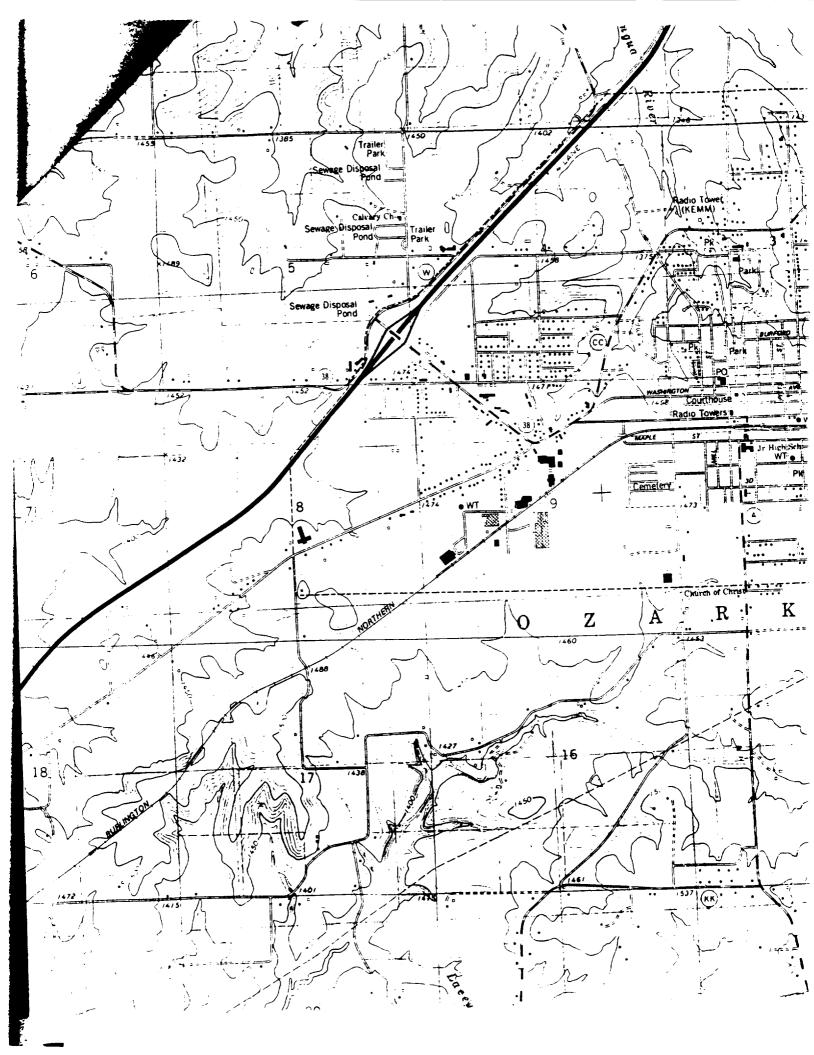
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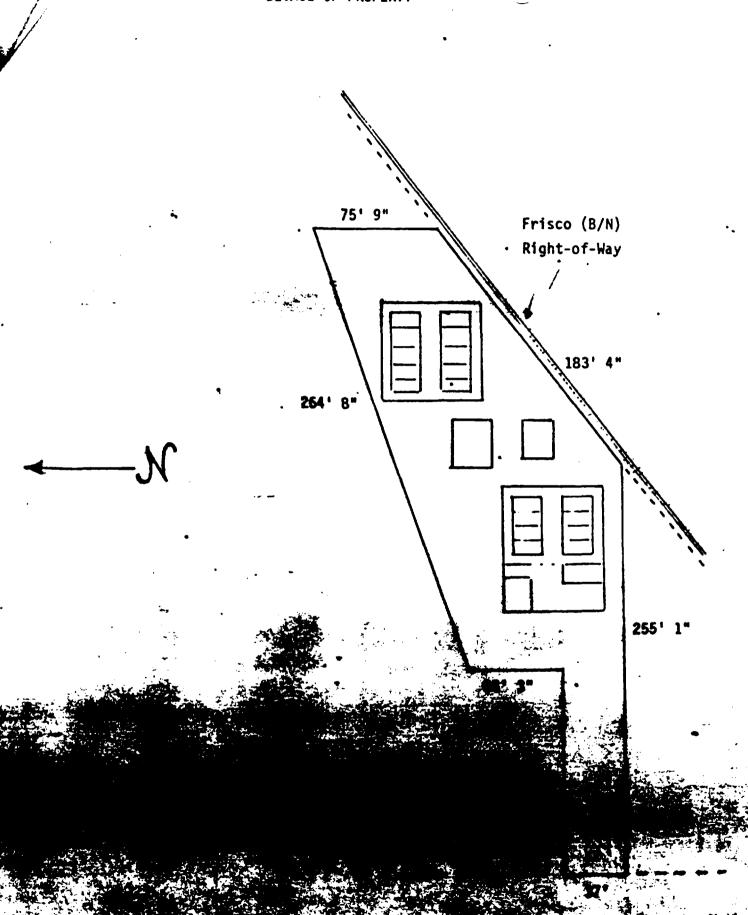
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Webster County

September 26, 1985

Mr. Joe Helterbrand

Dugan & Helterbrand Company, Inc.
190 George Street

Marshfield, MO 65706

Dear Mr. Helterbrand:

Please find enclosed the Hazardous Waste Compliance Inspection Report for the Dugan & Helterbrand Company at Marshfield in Webster County, Missouri. The report I believe is self explanatory.

The report indicates that Dugan & Helterbrand is in compliance with the hazardous waste law and regulations in that no hazardous wastes are being generated.

If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact Charles Kroeger of this office.

Sincerely,

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL OFFICE

John R. Nixon, P.E. Administrator

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Enclosure

cc: Webster County Court

bcc: Ms. Sandra Carroll, Waste Management Program

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DUGAN & HELTERBRAND COMPANY, INCORPORATED 190 George Street
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E.P.A. ID#: None Mo. ID#: None

Contact: Mr. Joe Helterbrand, President

INTRODUCTION:

On September 17, 1985, Charles Kroeger, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Springfield Regional Office, conducted a hazardous waste compliance inspection at the Dugan & Helterbrand Company at Marshfield in Webster County, Missouri.

Dugan & Helterbrand recovers silver from waste photographic and x-ray film. The film is hammer milled to nickle size pieces and placed in a rotating drum that immerses it in an enzyme solution. The enzyme solution removes the gel from the chips, thus, removing the silver. The liquid is then treated with a flocculant and the sludge containing the silver is shipped for smelting. Wastewater from the system discharges into the Marshfield municipal sewerage system and is regulated by the pretreatment ordinance.

For unexposed film chips and lithographic chips, Dugan and Helterbrand uses the cyanide extraction method. This is the method they used prior to installation of the enzyme process.

In the cyanide method, chips are placed in a tank and sodium cyanide is added to it. The reaction forms a silver cyanide complex that is pumped through a plating tank where the silver is extracted. The cyanide solution is then reused. The chips, after being processed with sodium cyanide, are rinsed with water which is then used as make up water for following batches. Sodium hyperchlorite is added to the processed chips to reduce remaining cyanide to cyanate which breaks down to form carbon dioxide and nitrogen. The waste chips are taken to the Webster County Sanitary Landfill.

UNSATISFACTORY FEATURES:

NONE

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COMMENTS:

The inspection disclosed that Dugan & Helterbrand Company, Incorporated is not a generator of hazardous waste in regulatable quantities. There has been a problem in their testing procedure and neutralization process in the past which allowed large quantities of chips high in cyanide to be disposed of in the landfill. However, the change in processes has apparently corrected this problem. At present, 90-95% of the film is processed by the enzyme process. The cyanide treatment is used only for lithographic film and unexposed film.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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APPROVED:

SUBMITTED BY:

John R. Nixon, P.E. Administrator

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